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A WIFE, AND DIDN'T TELL. Miss Frake and Frank Rice Were

Married Sixteen Years Ago. Mount Holly, N. J., can boast of a woman who has kept a secret for 16 in Egyptian tombs have red hair. years. This wonder of femininity is Miss Lizzie Frake, or, more properly. Mrs. Frank Rice, for she has been a wife for 16 years, while everyone in | town, and even her sister Rebecca, with whom she lived, supposed she was a spinster.

Frank Rice was in love with Lizzie Frake, when, as a youngster, he drove a butcher's wagon in Mount Holly. Finally he announced that New Jersey was too slow for him; that he was going west to make a fortune. Miss Frake consented to marry him, but declared that the marriage must not be made public until Rice had secured the fortune he was going to seek. Rice agreed, and one day the two went over to Philadelphia, where they were wedded. Rice went on westward while the bride returned to her home. She took up dressmaking and lived in comfort with her sister. The young men of the village, unaware of the marriage, tried for years to win the dressmaker's heart, but she told them firmly that she could never be more

was left in peace. Rice landed in the silver region of Colorado at the time when the gold a fine docile family pet, and can be and silver mining boom there was taught to fellowship with what Victor growing fast. He joined the army of Hugo calls his "proof sheet," the cat. treasure seekers and set to work with the world that she was his wife. The sound. good time did not come as soon as expected, for there were backsets and consequent heartburnings both in the west and at Mount Holly.

It was not until the present year that Rice reappeared in the village. He had all the money he needed, and he told his old friends of his good fortune. He also gave it out that he and Miss Frake were to be married. No one was surprised, therefore, when Rice and Miss Frake returned from Williamsport, Pa., recently and announced that they had been married. Then Mrs. Rice confessed to her sister that she had been married for 16 years, and the romantic story was soon over the village .- N. Y. World.

A MAN FEELS MEAN.

When He Gives a Street Car Conductor a Button for His Fare.

He felt meaner and smaller than any other man within a radius of 138 miles of Chicago.

He knew that it was not his fault. through the floor of the street car he would have gladly taken all chances of being run over.

He knew positively that he was an honest man, but if there ever was a pickpocket who felt as bad as he did at that moment the chances are that the pickpocket committed suicide.

He was a rather solemn and dignified man, and he disliked to pose as the point of a joke for 20 or 30 people, while he felt the scornful gaze of the conductor penetrating him with an X ray.

When the suspender button came off he had caught it with a feeling of triumph. Time and again he had come home with a button off, and in answer to his wife's inquiries had has Through Passenger Trains and been obliged to admit that he had not Fast Efficient Double Daily Service the faintest idea what had become of the button. And each time he lost MEMPHIS and NEW ORLEANS a button thereafter he invariably receding occasion and wished that he could find the button.

"You must think I am made of buttons," she had said once, as she hunted through her button box for something that would take the place of the one he had lost.

"No," he answered, as he thought of some of the intricacies of the feminine toilet; "not entirely."

But this time he had actually caught the button just in the act of slipping away from him, and he felt proud of himself.

Then he slipped it into the change

pocket of his overcoat. That was the trouble. The conductor held it up so that all

could see it, and then handed it back with the suggestion that he had better get a new "die," as the old one was evidently worn out.

Then it was that he had looked to luck when he found that it was not .-Chicago Post.

The Care of Pearls.

Pearls, says the London Queen, should always be allowed to see the light from time to time, and on other occasions they should be safely stowed away in their cases. It was to a few years ago, Kingsbridge in Disraeli's theory that pearls should | what is now the northern district of be always worn, and should be from time to time put in the sun and highway to the south of Brooklyn rubbed afterward.

Cost of Cleaning Paris Streets.

It costs Paris \$1,340,000 a year to keep its streets swept clean, each sweeper receiving about seven cents

THIS AND THAT.

over 25,000 camels.

-- All of the mummy cats unearthed

s to be surrounded by a bicycle track 30 miles in extent.

nade into a railroad freight car in order to try it on some of the French railroads. -Almond raising in California has

caused the using of 25,000 acres of 000 capital.

-In Norway girls are ineligible for matrimony until they have earned certificates for proficiency in knitting, baking and spinning.

-Turin, Italy, will have a world's fair in 1898, and the whole country promises to join in and help and urge the rest of the world to help.

-Two hundred thousand steel umbrella tubes per month are made by one firm alone. And yet some people think it does not rain enough. -The street piano, with a crew of

two, calculates on an income of \$15

a day-five to each manipulator, and than a sister to them, and at last she | five to the instrument's owner.

- Whistling trees are not uncom-by Sondan, and the lift you strip the bark from one of the Sondan, and the lift you strip the bark from one of a will. He made money and put it in mon in Nubia, the Soudan, and the bank, and he wrote many letters to West India islands. The wind in pass-"Miss Lizzie Frake," telling her of ing through their peculiarly-shaped there is disclosed a white, silky fiber, how he could soon return home to tell leaves gives a shrill and startling very fine in the strand and extraor-

MONARCHIAL NAMES.

Traces of British Rule Found in Several States.

In one of the paragraphs of the Declaration of Independence the signers declare that "the patient sufferance of the American colonies" at last "constrains them to alter their former systems of government." Along with the alteration there was in many of the states, and more particularly in the New England states, a complete change of geographical designations consonant with the change from monarchical to republican government.

In most of the original states no trace was retained of the titles of royalty or aristocracy such as congress endeavored to do away with in prohibiting the acceptance of any such title from "any king, prince or foreign state." But, notwithstanding this, monarchical titles have survived in some of the original states. New but if he could have slipped down York conspicuously among them. There are in New York, for instance as everybody knows, a Kings county and a Queens county, both on Long Island; and there is, moreover, Dutchcss (Duchess) county on the Hudson river line and Richmond county to the south. There is a Dukes county in Massachusetts, and in Virginia, the most populous of the original states at the time of the Declaration of Independence, there are a King George county, a King William county, a King and Queen county, a Prince Edward county, a Princess Anne county, York and Lancaster counties and an Elizabeth City county. There are a Prince George's county and a Queen Anne's county in Maryland, and Pennsylvania has York and Lancaster counties, but no nearer approach to monarchical names. In the extreme south and southwest may be found King counties (there was a vice president named King), but no Kings county as in this vicinity. One of the largest of the counties of Washington state, the county which includes the city of Seattle, is King county, and one of the smallest of the counties of Texas, with a population of less than 200 by the last federal census, is King county, too. But there is no Queen or Queens county in either state, and the same is true of California, which has, however, a Kings county, the other designations of geographical divisions being to a great extent Spanish. There is no King or Queen county in New Jersey and no monarchical designations of counties in any of the New England states with the one exception named, in Massachusetts. But Dukes county, this exception, does not amount to much, consisting of some islands to the south of Buzzard's bay and not on the mainland of New England. see if the flooring of the car was laid | New York would appear to be the loose enough so that he could slip out state in which there has been the between the boards, and cursed his closest adhesion to the names of royalty, for Kingston (King's town), incorporated in 1872, retained its original name without any change such as

some towns make on reaching the

New York, and there is still Kings

he original states .- N. Y. Sun.

A NEW FIBER

-The British government owns Ramie in the English Market-Difficulties in Its Production.

How many bankruptcies does it take to establish a new industry? -Lake Washington, near Scattle. British manufacturers are by all accounts among the most conservative of mankind, and if the name "mmie" -The horseless wagon is being suggests anything to a Lancashire cotton-spinner it is the recollection that a great many people have dropped money over that particular fiber.

Nevertheless, it seems probable that the British manufacturer will have land and the expenditure of \$10,000,- to take ramie seriously. It is by no means a new invention; no one can say for how many centuries orientals have used the fiber, which is found in the bark of a particular kind of nettle, to make themselves rough, strong cloths, and nets or lines for their fishing. But as an article of European commerce it is so new as hardly to be counted among English imports; and, though the plants which produce it have for many years been cultivated under European supervision, it has only been for the purposes of speculative experiment. The plants can be seen growing any summer at Kew; one of them, Rhen nivea, the Chinese variety, flourishes in the open air. It grows like -It is said that the rat has never Michaelmas daisy in a clump of tall been appreciated, and that he makes shoots springing from a perennial root, and has big palm-shaped leaves, with the under side white, like those

> dinarily strong. What is called Chinagrass is simply these ribbons of barl carefully decorticated by hand till the fiber is left bare. It is, however, still coarse and hard, and the immensely laborious process of cleaning makes it cost too much to be of any use in general trade. The ramie of commerce, which is to supersede flax, hemp and all other textile fabrics (according to the true believers), is the same fiber more cheaply and better prepared from a tropical variety of the same species, Rhea tenacissima. This differs from Rhea nivea only in having a green leaf; but the essential point of the matter is that it is tropical, and will produce at least four crops a year, while the Chinese plant can at most yield two. The intrinsic value of the fiber has for a long time been fully admitted; so much so that the Indian government twice offered a prize of 5,000 pounds sterling for Rhea filasse of high quality produced at a limited cost. The prize was

The difficulty lay, as it has lain always, in the production, for which two distinct operations are necessary First, the stems have to be stripped of their bark, which is done by hand or machinery, though no machine has yet been invented which does the work so well as the cheaply-purchased oriental hand labor. Secondly, in the ribbons so stripped off, the fiber has to be disengaged from the gummy bark, and this is only possible by chemical process. No mechanical method can thoroughly separate the gum and the fiber, although at least two companies exist which aim at preparing ramie wholly by machinery. Various chemical processes were applied, all of which succeeded in turning out a clean "filasee" of fiber; but unfortunately when the filasse was worked up into yarns, threads or stuffs, it was found to perish after a few months. The strong chemical employed rotted the fiber. This happened particularly with the products of Rhea prepared in France, where about ten years ago great interest was taken in the matter. After the French, the Americans took it up and prophesied great things; but they also dropped money over it. Now it really seems that England is going to step in and solve the problem. Mr. Gomess, a chemist trained in this country, but of Indian origin, has patented a method which turns upon the employment of zincate of soda. A company has been formed, patents taken out all over the world, and a sort of experimental factory is actually at work in London which turns out about two tons a week of ramie ready for spinning.—London Spectator.

Some Appropriate Interjections.

For the lumberman-Gosh all hem-For the inebriate-Great snakes! For the agriculturist-Good land!

For the old bachelor-Alas! For the widow-Man alive! For the tailor-Oh, scissors! For the novel reader-Great Scott! For the bellicose statesman-By

dignity of chartered cities, and there jingo! are, moreover, a Kingsbury and a For the cyclone sufferer-Well, I'm Queensbury, both north of Kingston, blowed! and a Georgetown, and there was, up

For the image vender-By Jupiter! Twinkle.

Domestic Economy.

It is an old-fashioned story that and another in Richmond county. In one girl in every family should learn the western states there are no mon- how to do sewing, in order to econoarchical designations, and, generally mize. An Atchison man, who is very speaking, the achievements of patri- progressive, argues that instead otic Americans are more generally girl in every family should be comperpetuated there than is the case in | pelled to take a course in dentistry .-Atchison Globe.

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